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For: CATALYST FOR HYDROTREATING HYDROCARBON OIL, PROCESS FOR
PRODUCING THE SAME, AND METHOD FOR HYDROTREATING HYDROCARBON
OIL

**INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT
UNDER 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.97 and 1.98**

MAIL STOP AMENDMENT

Commissioner for Patents

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Sir:

In accordance with the duty of disclosure under 37 C.F.R. § 1.56, Applicant hereby notifies the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office of the documents which are listed on the attached PTO/SB/08 A & B (modified) form and/or listed herein and which the Examiner may deem material to patentability of the claims of the above-identified application.

One copy of each of the listed documents is submitted herewith, except for the following: U.S. patents and/or U.S. patent publications; and co-pending non-provisional U.S. applications filed after June 30, 2003.

The present Information Disclosure Statement is being filed: (1) No later than three months from the application's filing date; (2) Before the mailing date of the first Office Action on the merits (whichever is later); or (3) Before the mailing date of the first Office Action after filing a request for continued examination (RCE) under §1.114, and therefore, no Statement under 37 C.F.R. § 1.97(e) or fee under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(p) is required. However, since a statement can be made a statement is submitted herewith.

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In compliance with the concise explanation requirement under 37 C.F.R. § 1.98(a)(3) for foreign language documents, Applicant encloses herewith copies of two (2) Communications (Japanese Office Action Dated May 21, 2008 and Chinese Office Action Dated May 9, 2008) from foreign patent offices in counterpart applications citing such documents, together with English-language versions (if not already included) of at least those portions of the Communications indicating the degree of relevance found by the foreign patent offices. Also, English Language Abstracts are submitted herewith for Japanese Application Publication No. 2000-313890, 06-339635, 07-305077 and International Application No. 03/006156. Applicant notes that Japanese Application Nos. JP-2003-299960 & JP-2000-135438 are not being submitted herewith because they have been previously cited in an IDS filed September 26, 2006 and therefore they are not listed on the attached IDS SB/08 form.

The submission of the listed documents is not intended as an admission that any such document constitutes prior art against the claims of the present application. Applicant does not waive any right to take any action that would be appropriate to antedate or otherwise remove any listed document as a competent reference against the claims of the present application.

The USPTO is directed and authorized to charge the statutory fee of and all required fees, except for the Issue Fee and the Publication Fee, to Deposit Account No. 19-4880. Please also credit any overpayments to said Deposit Account.

Respectfully submitted,

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The undersigned hereby states, upon information and belief:

That each item of information contained in the Information Disclosure Statement filed concurrently herewith was first cited in any communication from a foreign patent office in a counterpart foreign application not more than three months prior to the filing of said Information Disclosure Statement.

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